

# Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Males-United States, 2012\*

## Age in Groups

Rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	65-74	75-84	85+	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 35.1%	Unintentional injuries 31.9%	Unintentional injuries 31.6%	Unintentional injuries 45.3%	Unintentional injuries 50.1%	Unintentional injuries 43.0%	Unintentional injuries 27.0%	Heart disease 22.1%	Cancer 31.6%	Heart disease 26.9%	Cancer 34.5%	Cancer 26.3%	Heart disease 30.9%	Heart disease 24.7%
2	Birth defects 12.4 %	Cancer 22.3%	Cancer 16.0%	Suicide 22.8%	Suicide 20.4%	Suicide 18.3%	Heart disease 15.5%	Cancer 22.1%	Heart disease 24.3%	Cancer 24.6%	Heart disease 23.9%	Heart disease 25.2%	Cancer 15.2%	Cancer 24.1%
3	Cancer 9.8%	Birth defects 5.6%	Suicide 14.4%	Homicide 8.7%	Homicide 8.1%	Heart disease 6.6%	Suicide 14.0%	Unintentional injuries 13.3%	Unintentional injuries 5.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Unintentional injuries 6.3%
4	Homicide 6.5%	Homicide 5.2%	Birth defects 5.2%	Cancer 5.6%	Cancer 4.1%	Cancer 6.1%	Cancer 11.7%	Suicide 7.1%	Chronic liver disease 4.3%	Stroke 4.8%	Stroke 3.6%	Stroke 4.9%	Stroke 5.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%
5	Heart disease 2.8%	Benign neoplasms 2.4%	Homicide 4.8%	Heart disease 2.5%	Heart disease 2..8%	Homicide 5.8%	Chronic liver disease 4.1%	Chronic liver disease 6.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.3%	Alzheimer's disease 3.1%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 5.1%	Stroke 4.0%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Heart disease 2.3%	Heart disease 3.3%	Birth defects 1.7%	Birth defects 1.0 %	Chronic liver disease 1.4%	Homicide 2.9%	Diabetes 3.0%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Alzheimer's disease 2.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%	Diabetes 2.8%
7	Stroke 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Stroke 1.7%	Stroke 0.5%	Diabetes 0.6%	Diabetes 1.1%	Diabetes 2.4%	Stroke 2.3%	Suicide 3.1%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Suicide 2.6%
8	Septicemia 1.1%	Septicemia 1.6%	Benign neoplasms 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Stroke 0.5%	Stroke 0.9%	Stroke 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Stroke 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Parkinson's disease 2.2	Kidney disease 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%
9	Benign neoplasms (9) 1.0%	Stroke (9) 1.3%	Septicemia 1.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (9) 0.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Birth defects 0.8%	HIV disease 1.3%	Viral hepatitis 1.4%	Viral hepatitis 1.4%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Diabetes 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%
10	Perinatal conditions (9) 1.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (9) 1.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.9%	Legal intervention (9) 0.4%	Legal intervention 0.4%	HIV disease 0.8%	Septicemia 0.8%	HIV disease 1.2%	Septicemia 1.3%	Parkinson's disease 1.7%	Septicemia 1.4%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Parkinson's disease 1.9%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%

Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander race groups include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin may be of any race. Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit Mortality Tables at [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality\\_tables.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm) or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## Short and Full Terms for Leading Causes of Death (Males)

Some terms in the leading causes of death table have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the table and their full, unabridged equivalents used in the report.

### SHORT TERMS

**Aortic aneurism**  
**Benign neoplasms**  
**Birth defects**  
**Bronchitis**  
**Cancer**  
**C. difficile infection**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Chronic lower respiratory diseases**

**Diabetes**  
**Gallbladder disorders**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Kidney infection**  
**Legal Intervention\***

**Medical & surgical care complications**  
**Operations of War**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pneumonitis**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### FULL TERMS

Aortic aneurism and dissection  
In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities  
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis  
Malignant neoplasms  
Enter colitis due to clostridium  
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis  
Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
  
Diabetes mellitus  
Cholethiasis and other disorders of gallbladder  
Diseases of the heart  
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease  
Assault (homicide)  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease  
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis  
Infections of kidney  
Physical or other force used by police or other law-enforcing agents, including military on duty, in the course of arresting or attempting to arrest lawbreakers, suppressing disturbances, maintaining order, and other legal action. Includes legal execution and excludes citizen arrest.  
  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Operations of War and their sequelae  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)

\*World Health Organization. International statistical Classification of Diseases and Related